### L.America to discuss Palestine

UNITED NATIONS (R) - Representatives of Latin American governments, inter-governmental bodies and private agencieswill meet in Nicaragua next week to prepare for an international conference on Palestine scheduled to be held in Patris in August. the U.N. said Wednesday. The five-day Managua session, opening on Monday, will be the latest in a series of regional gatherings arranged by the United Nations, which is sponsoring the conference. Delegates will discuss the legal status of the Palestinians their economic activity and access to national resources, and the exercise of their legal right to self-determination. The U.N. said the aim of the regional meetings was to obtain the active involvement of governments in preparations for the conference to be held at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.



Ghali urges speed in peace efforts

PARIS (R) - Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali, expressing concern at the slow pace of Middle East peace moves, said Wednesday he wants Washington to step up efforts to get foreign troops out of Lebanon. Mr. Ghali, on a two-day state visit to France, told reporters after meeting French President François Mitterrand that Paris and Cairo agreed that the Middle East peace process should be accelerated. "Egypt is extremely concerned by the fact that the peace process is unable to get anything moving in Lebanon or concerning the negotiations which were supposed to take place on the future of the Palestinian territories", Mr. Ghali said. But he said France and Egypt agreed that their joint Middle East peace plan, which called for an independent Palestinian state with security guarantees for countries in the region, should continue to take a back seat to U.S. efforts.

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#### Peking-Cairo arms deal concluded

CAIRO (R) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak concluded an \$80 million military deal during his visit last week to China, a weekly magazine reported here Wednesday. The Al Mussawar mag-azine said the military deal would be repayable over a long period but gave no further details. China has already sold Egypt some 60 F-6 and more than 30 F-7 fighter planes, the Chinese version of the Soviet MiG 19 and 21 aircraft, and provides spare parts for Soviet weapons which would otherwise have become obsolete since a Soviet freeze on supplies in 1973.

#### Tunisia gets summit invitation

TUNIS (R) - Moroccan Foreign Minister Mohammad Boucetta Wednesday delivered an invitation to President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia to attend a special Arab summit meeting in Morocco this month. The Tunisian news agency TAP quoted Mr. Boucetta as saying the summit would examine urgent Arab problems and the results of Arab League missions to the five permanent members of the Security Council. Informed sources said the summit was planned for April 16 and 17. Moroccan envoys are visiting other Arab capitals.

#### Bomb kills 1 in South Lebanon

SIDON: Lebanon (R) - A man was killed Tuesday night when a bomb he was carrying near an Israeli post exploded, security sou-- res said. Residents said Israeli forces, which occupy South Lebanon, sealed off the area and prevented fishermen from working there. They said the dead man was a Palestinian who had been detained during the Israeli invasion and held at the Ansar detention camp in South Lebanon for four months. He had been suffering from partial paralysis, they added. Residents also said that Israeli forces early Wednesday raided-Jhan village in the Nabatiyeh area of South Lebanon searching for wanted people. They arrested at least one man.

#### Junblatt holds talks in Madrid

MADRID (Agencies) - Lebanese leftist and Druze leader Walid Jumbiatt had talks here Wednesday with Spanish Prime Muster Felipe Gonzalez. Mr. Junblatt, leader of Lebanon's Progressive Socialist Party, left later for Portugal for a congress of the Socialist International.

#### British seamen seize 2 vessels

LONDON (R) - A dispute between British merchant seamen and the government worsened Wednesday when seamen ann-ounced they had taken over two Cargo ships and might seize more. A spokesman for the National Union of Seamen said they had taken over the cargo ship Browaing in the east England port of Harwich and the Almeira Star in the French port of Brest. The anion was retaliating over the British government's decision last week to put a naval crew aboard the troopship Keren because the civilian crew was involved in a pay . dispute.

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Arafat briefs Sheikh Jaber on peace efforts

# Palestinian leaders hold talks in Kuwait

**KUWAIT** (Agencies) — Palestinian leaders held a surprise meeting Wednesday in Kuwait to consider joint moves with Jordan in efforts for Middle East peace, Palestinian sources said.

The sources said delegates were summoned to the meeting by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat, who arrived Tuesday from Amman after four days of talks with King Hussein.

Mr. Arafat and King Hussein have been holding intensive talks to establish a joint negotiating position in Arab and international efforts for Middle East peace.

Wednesday's meeting was attended by almost all the PLO Executive Committee and by Nayef Hawatmeh of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the sources said.

Earlier on Wednesday, Mr. Arafat briefed the Kuwait ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah on his talks in Amman. Palestinian sources said Mr. Arafat and Sheikh Jaber discussed a peace proposal for Middle East announced by U.S. President Ronald Reagan month.



as well as an Arab plan adopted by the Fez Arab summit last Sep-

The PLO chairman also met with Moroccan envoy Ahmad Ibn Souda to discuss the prospects of holding an Arab summit later this

Peres tries to block PLO role

in Socialist International

Mr. Ibn Souda arrived Teesday with an invitation from King Hassan to the Kuwaiti ruler to attend the proposed summit.

The Kuwaiti News Agency later quoted PLO Executive Committee member Yasser Abd Rabbo as saying: "We urge the proposed summit to come out with a common stand towards the Reagan plan and the U.S. policy... which we believe is basically antagonistic towards the Pal-

Wednesday's meeting came amid a flurry of diplomatic activity to give momentum to the Middle East peace process.

PLO sources said the head of the PLO Political Department, Farouk Kaddoumi, and another Executive Committee member, Abdul Rahim Ahmad, were due to leave Kuwait for Baghdad Thursday as part of consultations with other Arab states.

Mr. Arafat is expected to visit Saudi Arabia before returning to Amman for fresh talks with Jordanian leaders.

Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), a senior Arafat aide will leave for other Arab countries, the sources said.

# U.S.: Unique moment for peace in Mideast

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Now is a unique moment to revitalise the Middle East peace process, the United States said Tuesday in an appeal to seize the cha-

State Department spokesman John Hughes said: "King Hussein has taken the lead in recognising the opportunity currently available for revitalising the peace

"We hope that others as well will recognise that this is a unique moment which must be seized before it is lost, and that they will support the King in his desire to .move toward peace.'

The call coincided with the start of a tour of Arab states by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat after he had talks in Amman with King Hussein.

"What is needed is a prompt move to the negotiating table," Mr. Hughes said.

"It is only there that a solution to the Palestinian problem in all its aspects can be found. In our view, the president's Sept. 1 initiative, based on U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, provides the best means for accomplishing that goal," he said.

The spokesman declined specific comment on four days of talks between King Hussein and Mr. "There were report (this) morning that Mr. Arafat left Amman

abruptly," Mr. Hughes noted. "On the other hand, there were very upbeat reports about what he said on arrival at his next port of call' in Kuwait. "I think it is too early to det-

ermine what the mood is," the spokesman said. "The process of consultation, as we understand it. is continuing. Mr. Hughes refused to accept

one reporter's characterisation sultations were over. "There has been some sug-

gestion that he might return to Amman later in the week," Mr. Hughes said of the PLO chairman. 'As I understand it, Mr. Arafat and King Hussein will have fur-

Asked why he had chosen the phrase "unique moment" to describe the current state of preparations for broadened peace negotiations, Mr. Hughes noted that there has been widespread talk of deadlines although the United States has tended to dis-

"It seems to me that there is a good deal of discussion that has taken place," he said. "King Hussein has been talking to people. Mr. Arafat has been talking to people. And I think there has been a sense that those talks are coming to a conclusion."

The spokesman emphasised that, "one is always hopeful that King Hussein will make his announcement to come to the table as early as possible."

Even if the moment is not seized, Mr. Hughes said, the United States would continue in its eff-

In his Sept. 1 "fresh start" peace initiative, the president said the United States would not support an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza. Instead, he called for an exchange of territory for peace and West Bank and Gaza self rule by the Palestinians in association with Jor-

The president also called for a freeze in the creation of new Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and a freeze in the expansion of existing settlements.

In response to questions, Mr. Hughes said the United States has no evidence that there has been any freeze on settlement activities. But he also emphasised the pre-

sident has not changed his Sept. I sident said the settlements were an obstacle to peace.

# Ustinov warns U.S.

Union will retaliate directly against United States territory if it is attacked with European-based cruise and Pershing missiles, Defence Minister Dmitry Ustinov said

Wednesday.
Marshal Ustinov, currently visiting East Germany, threatened that a Soviet retalistory strike against West European countries from which U.S. missiles were launched would be the final one for most of them.

The official TASS news agency quoted him as saying in a speech to East German soldiers that the U.S. was planning to deploy Pershings and cruises in Europe in order to heighten its own chances

of survival. He said the U.S. was "actually for nuclear retaliation, making them the hostages of its nuclear

the final one for most of the West European countries in which American nuclear weapons are to be deployed. This should always be remembered by the govemments of the Western cou-

The Soviet minister went on to declare that if the U.S. used its new missiles "the United States will not go unpunished."

He added: "If in Washington they think that we will retaliate only against targets in Western Europe if Pershings and cruise missiles are used, they badly delude themselves. Retaliation against the United States will be ine-

luctable. Marshal Ustinov said the Soviet Union did not want an arms race offering its NATO allies as targets but was forced to take necessary measures in order to "avoid giving the imperialists an advantage which will enable them to dictate Marshal Ustinov said: "This terms beneficial to them."

# **Ex-mayor of Halhoul says** Japanese moving towards official PLO recognition

AMMAN (J.T.) — The deported support of the Palestinian people's mayor of the Israeli-occupied rights," Mr. Milhem said. West Bank town of Halhoul, Mohammad Milhem, bas said that relations between the Palestinians and Japan have improved over the years and Tokyo will soon announce its official recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organisation

Mr. Milhem, who visited Tokyo recently at the invitation of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, told reporters upon his return to Amman that the Japanese "now understand the Palestinian problem" and "the near future will witness a noticeable development in Palestinian-Japanese relations. not merely by statements but rat-

Mr. Milhem said that during his visit he met with Japanese ministers, key politicians and parliament members "who showed their interest and understanding of the just Arab causes."

In his talks, Mr. Milhem said he spoke about the "sufferings of the Palestinian people and Israel's confiscation of Arab territory for building Zionist settlements.

"I felt a genuine commitment on the part of the Japanese government to support a just and durable Middle East settlement and a condemnation of Israel's settlement policies which constitute a her through practical steps that stumbling block in path of peace. will express the Japanese stand in Mr. Milhem said.

#### as the Israeli Labour Party fought to exclude the Palestine Libquestion of the Socialist Interation Organisation (PLO) from ernational officially recognising the PLO. the gathering. the PLO at the congress, but he It described Mr. Arafat as an The international's bureau was expressed confidence a way would

expected to try Wednesday to end a dispute over the accreditation of a PLO representative invited to the congress in southern Portugal by its chairman, former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt. Israeli Labour Party leader

over preparations for a Socialist

International congress this week

Shimon Peres has been in Spain since Sunday having talks with Socialist Spanish Prime Minister Filipe Gonzalez and lobbying to prevent any PLO participation at

in Kuwait Wednesday on fighting

oil pollution in the Gulf caused by

The ministers met Wednesday

morning in an effort to work out

an agreement guaranteeing the

safety of crews who must enter the

war zone to cap the wells, in the

Nowruz field at the head of the

The session ended without agr-

eement and the ministers from

Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar,

the United Arab Emirates, Saudi

Arabia, Iraq and Iran were mee-

ting again in the afternoon, a con-

ripe for a settlement of the Pal-

Foreign Ministry official Yoshio

Karita told reporters that Mr.

Mubarak also accepted an offer of

Mr. Mubarak arrived here Tue-.

sday from North Korea after an

earlier visit to Peking. He goes to

Indonesia on Saturday on the last

September both provided a basis

for solving the Middle East pro-

He said it was important for Isr-

increased Japanese loans.

estinian question.

Kuwait Health Minister Abdul

ference spokesman said.

shartered Iranian wells.

LISBON (R) — The Middle East the four-day congress which beg-invasion of Lebanon. conflict cast a shadow Wednesday ins Thursday near the Portuguese seaside resort of Albufeira.

Former Portuguese Premier Mario Soares said there was no be found of allowing the Palestinian envoy to take part.

A report to be submitted to the congress by Mr. Soares, however, calls for deeper contacts with the PLO and praises the role of its chairman, Yasser Arafat. Mr. Soares met Mr. Arafat and

Israeli and Lebanese leaders after being named to head a special Socialist International committee set up to report on last year's Israeli

Iranian Deputy Prime Minister

Reza Mirza Taheri said Iran

would plug the wells if Wed-

Conference spokesman Abdul

nesday's conference provided

Latif Al Zaidan later said the for-

mal opening of the conference had

been put off until Thursday mor-

ning.
"The ministers are still neg-

otiating," he said without ela-

U.N. Undersecretary-General

The eight Gulf countries are

Diego Cordovez was due in Kuw-

ait Wednesday night to offer Uni-

necessary safety guarantees.

Gulf launches crisis talks on oil slick

KUWAIT (R) - Eight Gulf min- an Iraqi-Iranian understanding

isters, including those from war- was needed to guarantee the saf-

ring Iran and Iraq, held crisis talks ety of the repair crews.

identally distributed to the Portuguese press, said it was not possible to establish any dialogue with the Palestinians except through

effective leader with a real sense of responsibility and "with whom one can and should speak."

This week's congress will bring together Socialist leaders from the non-Communist world, including the Spanish premier, Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme, Finnish Premier Kalevi Sorsa, British Labour Party leader Michael Footand Italian Socialist leader Bettino Craxi.

anisation for the protection of

marine environment, which called

the extraordinary conference to

discuss ways to fight the slick, now threatening marine life and ind-

Mr. Taheri said about 2,000%

barrels of oil a day were pouring

from the wells, although industry

experts believe up to 7,000 barrels

25 metres were damaged between

January and March this year.

The offshore wells at depths of

The Gulf states, some of which

depend on sea water to provide

drinking water, have mobilised

men and equipment to combat the

slick, which is fragmented along

the Gulf, almost to the Strait of

ustrial installations.

may be leaking.

Hormuz.

#### Fahoum: PNC membership will be increased

AMMAN (J.T.) - The number of members in the Palestine National Council (PNC), the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, will be increased next week to 70 from the present:66, PNC Speaker Khaled Al Fahoum was quoted as saving by local newspapers Wednesday.

Mr. Fahoum, who left for Dam-ascus Tuesday after participating in talks between Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Jordanian officials on joint moves in efforts of peace in the Middle East, was quoted as saying the revised PNC will hold its first session in a month's time.

· All Palestinian movements are represented in the PNC, in addition to independent members and five members representing Palestinian federations and institutions. A memorandum on the con-

ditions of Palestinians living under Israeli occupation and the latest Middle East developments will be submitted to an Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) meeting to be held in Helsinki on April 24, Mr. Fahoum said.

The PNC will also take part in the Arab Parliamentary Union (APU) meeting to be held in Baghdad on May 23, the speaker said.

# to meet in Iraq

preparing for the conference, to be held from April 14 to 17, said a delegation of Iranian opposition figures was expected to attend.

meeting would be "towards a Unified Action that Will Fortify Islamic Solicarity" and the main topic for discussion would be the Sheikh Ali Kashif Al Ghita, a

Shi'ite Muslim leader in Iraq, was

### Israeli soldiers reject invasion honours AMMAN (J.T.) - A large num- these criteria do not apply to the

war in Lebanon," the newspaper

quoted the signatories as saying.

ber of Israeli officers and soldiers who took part in last June's invasion of Lebanon have signed a document requesting the government to exempt them from receiving honours conferred on all those who participated in the invasion, the Israeli daily Haaretz reported Tuesday.

Haaretz said that the signatories

belong to an army group calling itself "No for the Decorations," which refuses to receive honours for participating in a war they considered unnecessary.

"They trained us to defend our

homeland when it is exposed to danger and never to resort to the use of arms unless all other altematives prove fruitless, and

killed in action and pilots who carried out raids on Syria's SAM-6 missile defences. Mother starts protests Meanwhile, the mother of an Israeli reserve soldier began a lone

demonstration opposite the Defence Ministry Wednesday over her son's third prison term for refusing to serve in occupied Arab

On Wednesday, Israeli aut-35-day sentence. horities conferred the honours on "I'm proud of him," said his 56 "heroes" of the war in Lebmother Sarah, who was asking anon, among them soldiers who passers-by to sign a petition urging her son's release.

She said her son had previously served terms of 30 and 35 days in military prison for refusing to report for reserve duty in the occupied West Bank.

from Poland 17 years ago, has ser-

ved two weeks of his current

About 30 reservists have been sentenced to prison for refusing to serve in Lebanon, according to a member of the Yesh Gvul (There is a Limit) movement which says 1,700 soldiers have signed a petition asking not to serve in Leb-

carried major campaigns against

U.S., British and West German

military programmes, for exa-

mple. France's development of its

nuclear and conventional forces

European embassies said it would

probably take several days and

possibly as long as two weeks bef-

Diplomats from other West

was almost entirely ignored.

# Kremlin reacts angrily to expulsions...

Anatol Yablonko, a 29-

The brief TASS report was cou-

ched in bitter terms which clearly

MOSCOW (R) - In a report indicating deep Kremlin anger at France's expulsion of 47 Soviet diplomats and officials, Moscow Wednesday rejected charges that they had been involved in esp-

In the first direct comment on the affair from Moscow, the official news agency TASS said the move against the Soviets had been 'absolutely arbitrary" and said Paris would be responsible for damage to Franco-Soviet relations.

Moscow-based French diplomats and journalists said there

had been no sign so far of retaliation by the Soviet authorities and no hint of what action they

reflected intense Soviet anger with the French government over the expulsions. Paris said the officials had been involved in gathering military, sci-

entific and industrial secrets. But TASS said they had been ordered out of France "without any grounds and under obviously fabricated pretexts which are totally at odds with reality."

said the affair was likely to terminate the special relationship between Paris and Moscow over most of the past 20 years, during which criticism of Paris has been rare in the Soviet media.

ore Moscow responded to the French move. They said they expected several Western diplomats in Moscow diplomats and businessmen to be expelled.

But, because the French community in Moscow was much smaller than the Soviet presence in Paris, it was likely that the total number would be only a fraction of the 47 expelled from France.

France said the expelled Sov-

iets, part of the 2,500-strong off-

icial Soviet community in Paris,

were engaged in wide-ranging and

systematic spying, particularly in

the area of technology and science

# ...as Paris stresses stand against 'spies'

While press and television have

PARIS (R) — France's Socialist government said Tuesday its decision to expel 47 Soviet personnel was a signal that it was not "gutless" when dealing with espіопаде.

As speculation mounted in Paris on President François Mitterrand's reasons for ordering Tuesday's expulsions, a government spokesman told reporters: "By this act, France demonstrates that it has no intention of

being gutless. "As much as espionage is a common practice, there is also a rule that says 'he who is caught is punished"," the spokesman added in the first official comment on the the expulsions were based on false

The departure of 40 Soviet diplomats and seven officials has caused a diplomatic freeze between Paris and Moscow and seriously embarrassed the pro-Soviet Communist Party, junior partners in the Mitterrand administration.

Roger Wybot, a former head of France's DST counter-espionage service, said on television the DST believed at least a third of the 700 Soviets with diplomatic passports

in Paris were involved in spying. The Soviet news agency TASS, whose Paris bureau chief and another correspondent were among those ordered out of France, said

with military applications. Intelligence sources told French reporters that the DST had extensive proof that each of the 47 Soviets was acting for KGB intelligence or its military counterpart, the GRU.

But press commentators from both left and right said that Mr. Mitterrand's decision was aimed at winning favour with the public and with NATO allies

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Mubarak, Nakasone discuss Mideast TOKYO (R) — Visiting Egyptian ael, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), to President Hosni Mubarak and Japanese Prime Minister Yasreach an agreement soon. uhiro Nakasone Wednesday dis-

Rahman Al Awadi said Tuesday members of a regional org-

borating.

ted Nations help.

Japan's has a vital interest in cussed the Middle East and the seeing an early settlement because about 70 per cent of Japanese oil two leaders agreed that the time is imports come from the Middle

Mr. Mubarak said he regretted that Jordan had not yet agreed to take part in peace negotiations and stressed that if the "Camp David" accord collapsed there could be renewed conflict in the

Middle East, the official said. On Wednesday, at a dinner given by Mr. Nakasone, the Egyptian president said in a speech that Israel was illegally extending settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and depriving Pal-

estinians of their civil rights. He also accused Israel of oppression and violence against civilians in the occupied areas. Referring to the Israeli military

is necessary for a legitimate government of our Arab brother nation to exercise its sovereignty over its entire territory without any fear of the inducement of internal strife by an outside power or foreign intervention." The offer of a 50 billion yen

presence in Lebanon, he said: "It

(\$210 million) loan in development aid to Egypt was for the 1982 fiscal year and compared with \$46 billion yen (\$194 million) for 1981. Mr. Mubarak and Mr. Nak-

asone would issue a joint sta-

tement on the Middle East on

Wednesday. The official said Mr. Nakasone accepted an invitation from Mr. Mubarak to visit Egypt but no

Earlier, Mr. Mubarak had an audience and lunch with Emperor-

# Islamic clergy

BAGHDAD (R) - Some 280 Muslim clergymen from 50 countries are due to meet in Iraq next week for a conference which will be dominated by the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq. Sources close to a committee

They said the slogan for the

quoted Wednesday by the official daily Al Jumboriya as saying that division in the Islamic World made the conference vital.

# French exhibition: Challenges conception of what art should be

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Like its predecessors, the French Neorealists and Alichinksky, the current exhibition of French art on show at the Royal Cultural Centre where it forms part of the European Community Spring Festival, challenges our conceptions as to what art should be. The earlier two exhibits made us re-examine our preconceived notions of content and subject matter, while this present display makes its impact through the way many of the works break the accepted formular of a stretched and rectangular shaped

It is a very thin line between

innovation and gimmickry, yet the work of both Ernest Pignon-Ernest and Pierre Antoniucci have a quality, that will stand the test of time. This is particularly true of Pignon-Ernest's "Suite pour Alexandrie". It is a strange mixture of leaping, tumbling, sartorially dressed, cut out, gentlemen. In between these large sheets of fine paper covered with classical torsos. Hogarthic portraits and snorting stallions are spread like a giant sketchbook of Leonardo that has suffered the ravages of time. The immense dynamism of the upward thrusting figure--who perhaps after assimulating the culture hidden deep within the flaky, torn pages has been released from wordly restraints and is now taking off like ensely stimulating and intellectual superman and the slumped floor bound one (before and after seen simultaneously?) -- is lent a greater force by the soft, transparently flimsy texture of the gently rustling sheets which lead the eye into the composition.

"Suite pour Alexandrie" is a study of opposites. You are led to speculate between hard and soft-between the soft blurr of charcoal drawings and the hard edge of superrealism. You are entranced by the difference momentums captured not only by the drawing but by the flow of the paper itself. With its classical references, fine technique and extremely original format, Pignon-Ernest has produced an imm-

image while maintaining a deep aesthetic appeal.

The work of Antoniucci on the other hand, while good, does not leave such a deep impression. His method of challenging our desire for neatly framed pictures is a much simpler one. He merely reduces (or builds up depending on the approach) his work from the whole unmutilated canvas to fragments of angular pieces which are hung separately, spread over the wall like the pieces of a huge jigsaw puzzle, and reassembled haphazardly. By cutting his work this and by using patterns and figures strongly reminiscent of the

#### **ART REVIEW**

work of Marisse (but in dark subdued matt colours instead of Matisse's glorious fuschias, resonant yellows and gleaming orange which released that "beneficient radiation") Antoniucci seems to be following the ideas that began with that great artist and were continued by the post Matisse Pattern Painters (like Kim MacConnel for example) who formed one of the most important developments in American art in the 1970's. When viewed in this context it is -- Matisse after all has been a very difficult act to follow--not a terribly original contribution. However if taken on its own it is an interesting piece with its references to classical Greek art, expressionism and in the way the more complete works can be read from any angle like a colourful Escher.

One other work-the sculture by Dorothee Selz makes its impact by the newness of the technique.

Basing her design on architectural models Selz has produced a strange and wonderful park where childhood fantasies about running in a land made of candy, where sweets grow on trees, come to visual fruition. Perhaps a little too sickly sweet to take very seriously, the great whirls of dusty pink. emerald green and purple mixtures of medias piped like icing sugar representing the bushes and trees hold a curious fascination. Reminescent of pop art and in particular of Cales Oldeburg's inedible edibles, this fairy land park is larger than life. You peer down on it like some benevolent deity to see tiny children skipping along red waxen paths. While it may

you this piece nevertheless stays in the imagination long after you have left the gallery.

More traditional work, at least in terms of shape, come from Jean-Paul Chambas, Thierry-Cheverney and Patrick Lanneau. Beautifully crafted Chambas pencil drawings tell of strange events where men (again dressed in suits which, like Pignon-Ernest's figures, add to the feeling of discordancy) dance with expressions of pain in front of distant palm fringed shores or solid stone archways. The centre of his "Dessin Triptyque" is filled with the toppled ruins of a theatre, its crumbling cracked interior surveyed dispassionately by a wounded spectator. The work of Cheverney is

also filled with complex symbolism much of it drawn from mysterious and ancient civilisations whose allure never fades. He surrounds his pyramids and aztec temples, bathed in an eerie light that casts dramatic shadows, with strange Ernst-like creatures and space crafts, graphically depicting a relationship some people believe to be true. The bright bold colours and simple shapes give Cheverney's work a sense of fun, a childlike gaiety but at the same time there is a seriousness that cannot be ignored.

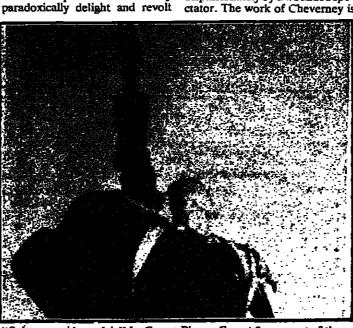
Although mentioned last, the series of etchings by Christian Fossier are perhaps the most sensitive and attractive works on display. The subject matter sounds uninspiring -- a concrete building--but the way the artist has handled it, is nothing short of inspirational. With superlative skill Fossier has given his compositions a solidity, a prescence which is sculptural in its intensity. In subtle gradations he has filtered the light through the structure and then used the suffused glow to highlight the rough texture of the walls and floors so that they are almost tangible. As a study of light, form and texture this set of prints excells. As original stimulating and profoundly pleasing works they leave a lasting and powerful impression.

The exhibition runs until April



One of the French exhibition's more "traditional" pieces by Thierry Cheverney which can be seen at

the Royal Cultural Centre until April 21 (Jordan



"Suite pour Alexandrie" by Ernest Pignon-Ernest forms part of the French exhibition in Jordan under the auspices of the European Community Spring Festival (Jordan Times photo)



One of the paintings of Jean-Paul Chambas currently on show at the Royal Cultural Centre (Jordan Times photo)



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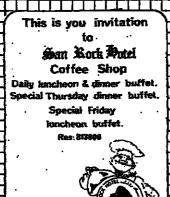
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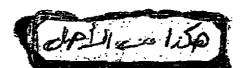
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# FOMENEWS

# **Dudin orders cattle shots**

AMMAN (Petra) — Agriculture Minister Marwan Dudin Wednesday circulated instructions to the departments of agriculture in Irbid and Mafrag in northern Jordan to launch a rinderpest inoculation campaign for cattle.

The instructions said that a ban on the overland importation of cows from Syria should be maintained until further notice because of reported cases of rinderpest in that country.

# JPRC to make large gift to social institutions

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# Soviet team visits campus

AMMAN (Petra) - A visiting. Soviet delegation representing the Jordanian Soviet Friendship Society called at the University of Jordan Wednesday and met its president Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali. The delegation members were briefed on the university's development and programmes.

Dr. Majali later received a visiting delegation from Yugoslav universities and informed them of the university's development and future programmes. The two sides discussed cooperation between the University of Jordan and universities in Yugoslavia at the postgraduate level.

#### **GUVS** marks its jubilee

IRBID (Petra) — The General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) in Jordan held a celebration in Irbid Tuesday to mark Social Work Day and the GUVS Silver Jubilee.

Addressing the celebration. GUVS board chairman Abdullah Al Khatib outlined the achievements and activities carried out by charitable and voluntary societies in Jordan. He also detailed the assistance provided by GUVS and the charitable programmes that would be carried

Speakers at the celebration incuded representatives from voluntary societies in Irbid Govemorate who spoke about the various services their societies offer in that region.

# Food seminar makes detailed suggestions

on the foodstuff industry ended in Amman Tuesday with policy recommendations affecting agricultural production, marketing and pricing systems, the protection of national production, research in and development of agricultural production and control and export policies.

With regards to agriculture, the seminar called on the relevant ministries to direct their future plans towards developing the rural regions, conducting surveys of potential water resources, informing farmers in the use of fertilisers and insecticides, encouraging farmers to grow more cereal crops.

On industry, the seminar called

AMMAN (Petra) - The seminar on the authorities to conduct feasibility studies as to the viability of food industries before embarking on such ventures, and to introduce legislation that would grant local industries sufficient protection in the face of foreign competition.

> In the research field, the seminar called for cooperation between universities and research centres on the one hand and the food industry on the other especially over the use of primary materials in food processing.

> In the area of marketing, the seminar called on the relevant bodies to conduct a study of potential markets abroad in order to determine the type and quantities of crops to be grown for export.

Mrs. Sipahi has received several

bonours from many countries.

While in France she received the

medal of honorary fellow tow-

nsmen from the city of Bou-

rgogue. In the Soviet Union she

was selected as the best foreign

At the Recklinghausen festival

in Germany she was chosen as the

most successful singer in 1973,

and during the 15th international

Mrs. Sipahi will give a second

concert Thursday at the Jordan

Intercontinental Hotel and is sch-

eduled to return to Turkey on

festival in Tunis in 1978 she rec-

eived the Grant Prize.

singer in 1970.

# Hassan studies Aqaba's problems

AQABA (Petra) - Demographic, tourist, and economic development problems facing the city of Agaba were reviewed at a meeting held here Wednesday under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Ministers of transport, labour the major obstacles impeding the municipal affairs and the interior attended the meeting as did directors of various government departments in Aqaba. The meeting studied a comprehensive report submitted by the departments on

city's development. The minister's then made comments based on a tour of the city's institutions which they undertook Wednesday morning to familiarise themselves directly with the situation.

# Today marks Health Day

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan will mark World Health Day Thursday with a special ceremony to be held at the paramedical school at Al

Bashir hospital in Amman. The ministers of health, labour and social development are expected to take part in the ceremony.

This year's theme for the Day will

be 'providing health for all as qui-

ckly as possible.

estine Refugees' Health Department in Jordan will mark the occasion with a celebration at the Amman New Camp (Wahdat)

Meanwhile the United Nations

Relief and Works Agency for Pal-

Youth Activities Centre. A number of guests will make speeches at the occasion which commences at

# Book exhibition to open

AMMAN (J.T.) — An exhibition of Arab books will open at the Palace of Culture Saturday under the patronage of Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar in cooperation with the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Arc-

Nearly 60 Arab publishing bou-

ses from Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt and Tunisia in addition to Jordan will be displaying books and publications all of which will be on sale to the public at a 25 per cent

At the exhibition there will be a special wing for national publications organised by the Jordanian Writers Association.

#### Turkish singer appears in Jordan U.S.A.. Canada and Australia.

AMMAN (J.T.) — One of Turkey's most famous singers gave a concert Wednesday at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel in-

Amman. The concert, starring Mrs. Nes-rin Sipahi, was organised by the Department of Culture and Arts in cooperation with the Turkish Embassy.

Mrs. Sipahi, who arrived in Amman on April 5, sang 24 songs including Turkish classical and folk songs and popular Arabic

Mrs. Sipahi, who is aged 58, was born in Istanbul and started her career as a signer at the Istanbul radio station in 1950, and gave her first concert in 1958.

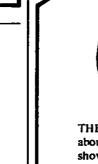
She was the first lady to take the leading role in a Turkish musical film. During her career she has recorded 400 albums of mainly Turkish and European music.

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#### **GUEST EDITORIAL**

# Arab action... and peace

By Tareq Masarwah

WE really do a great deal of injustice to our nation, to the Jordanians and the Palestinians if we deceive ourselves into believing that all the meetings that have been going on in Amman were just to arrive at a us on whether to give our consent to or express disapproval of President Reagan's plan, to authorise Jordan to enter the negotiations or not, to take part with Jordan in these negotiations or not...

The Reagan initiative is a mere American plan and will remain so. No one has yet accepted it nor has anybody imposed it on the Palestinians, contrary to propaganda campaigns waged by certain Arab regimes. These campaigns have been painting a picture totally different from King Hussein's convictions and his familiar style of bandling political matters.

Jordanian-Palestinian relations are far bigger than, and go beyond, the boundaries of the Reagan proposals, for national action is not based on rejecting or accepting these proposals nor rejecting or accepting the Camp David agreements.

We are not admirers of American ideas or actions because we believe that the U.S.-Israeli relationship has always been behind Arab disasters. However, we admit that part of these disasters had befallen the Arabs due to lack of national and pan-Arab action and due to Arab differences that are not up to the level of confronting the Zionist enemy or the Israeli-American alliance.

Nowadays we hear talks about the minimum Arab demands... represented in the Fez Arab summit resolutions. What are these resolutions? They are no better than those adopted by the first Arab summit that dealt with Israel's diversion of the River Jordan waters, nor are they better than those adopted at the Alexandria, Khartoum or Baghdad summits.

These resolutions are mere Arab words that are not backed by real power that would impose the Arab will. Arab regimes, through their resolutions, are merely begging America, the Soviet Union, Europe and the United Nations to grant them their rights...

We do not know a great deal about the outcome of the first Jordanian-Palestinian round of talks in Amman, yet we do not want to believe that all these talks were to give our approval or rejection to the Reagan plan or to authorise Jordan to take part in future peace talks. We really want a Jordanian-Palestinian stand vis-a-vis all the events in the occupied Arab territories in the Arab countries and the world at

We want to have a Jordanian-Palestinian joint stand that would

prevent any more disasters. Arab impotence is clearly the result of attempts by Arab leaders to preserve their existing regimes rather than defending the homeland. These regimes deal with the Arab individual as an enemy rather than a

freedom fighter and a good productive human being. What is the Reagan plan? Is it really an alternative to a brave and joint Jordanian-Palestinian action? Is it an alternative to joint Arab action which goes beyond statements on paper? Will the Reagan plan restore to the Arabs their land and free their kinsmen?

### **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

#### Al Ra'i: Israel must be stopped

The Israeli occupation authorities have arrested a number of Arab citizens in the occupied territories and accused them of perpetrating the poisoning cases and exploiting the situation for political pur-

By this, the Israelis are clearly aiming at distorting the Palestinian image before the world and at the same time trying to cover up for the real criminals.

With this accusation, the Israelis have explicitly displayed a contradiction in handling the situation. Whereas earlier they claimed that there were no poisoning cases at all but a mere hysteria, they are now admitting that some of the cases were genuine poisoning and put the blame on the Palestinians.

However, Israel again contradicted its own stand by refusing to allow a U.N. fact-finding mission to visit the territory and investigate the case. Israel is clearly distorting the facts for the purpose of protecting the real criminals who are the Zionists themselves. Therefore the U.N. Security Council is called on to uncover Israel's criminal actions. The international community should put an end to Israel's atrocities and stop her criminal actions that threaten the

#### Al Dustour: Talks reflect optimism

A Jordanian-Palestinian statement issued in Amman Tuesday has indicated that the bilateral talks on Middle East issues will be resumed in the near future. Both sides realise that the issues in question do not allow for any delay. The Israeli settlement programme places heavy responsibility on Jordan and the PLO and requires from them speedy moves to bring about the liberation of Arab land and its inhabitants.

Given the present Arab and world situation and in view of Israel's exploitation of the Middle East issue in the light of the present situation, a Jordanian-Palestinian action is now urgently required. They have no alternative but to work together within the framework of the Fez Arab summit resolutions to try to impede and eventually freeze Israel's settlement programmes and thus rescue the land and the Arab people now suffering under the Zionist yoke.

The optimistic note of the Jordanian-Palestinian communique and the recent PLO leader's statement infuse in us a new hope that the two sides will urgently follow up their talks.

### Sawt Al Shaab: No hesitation on destiny

Despite the mixed optimistic or pessimistic feelings about the outcome of the Jordanian-Palestinian talks, one has to bear in mind at least one clear fact - that both sides are genuinely intent on adopting joint action to bring about the liberation of the occupied Arab land and its people.

Of course, any Jordanian-Palestinian action requires a great deal of courage as it also requires an endorsement by a unanimous support from Arab states, yet the Palestinian problem should be regarded as the prime responsibility of the Jordanians and Palestinians and they should have the final say in the Middle East peace drive. There should be no room for hesitation in questions of destiny, nor should either side allow itself to be lured off course and so delay joint action.

### By Jawad Ahmad

# Why only the girls?

Nicaraguan government, insurgents

struggle to maintain credibility

had when they fought against the regime of the late President Ana-

nstasio Somoza and they have off-

During the Sandinista rev-

ered no clear alternatives to San-

olution, Nicaraguans were united

in their dislike for Somoza, whose

grandfather was elected in U.S.-

supervised elections, beginning a

family rule that lasted 40 years.

Tey took their name from Cesar

Augusto Sandint, who led gue-

rrillas fighting U.S. Marines, who

occupied Nicaragua most of the

the Sandinistas had ideological

divisions that were not resolved

the more militant, radical faction

dominated and stayed to run the

government. Although there is

some discontent with their rule

among the citizenry, they rem-

ember the Somoza dictatorship all

too well and are reluctant to ass-

ociate with a movement that might

lead to anything that resembles it.

Democratic Force, the group lea-

ding the insurrection, has dis-

avowed links with Somoza loy-

alists. However, its leaders include

a former vice president under

Somoza and its military com-

mander is Col. Enrique Bermudez

Varela, a former Somoza military

attache in Washington. Its fighters

are believed to include both peo-

ple who fought with the San-

dinistas and former Somoza nat-

ional guardsmen.

Aware of this, the Nicaraguan

During their formative years

time from 1912 to 1933.

dinista rule.

In demographic studies we were taught that a sex-specific disease is as damaging to population growth as a general disease, if not much more.

A disease which robs one thousand girls of the blessing of fertility is more dangerous than one which robs the same. of 500 boys and 500 girls. The recent and recurrent

poisoning of girls in their teens in the West Bank is the cruellest crime against humanity. Poisoning is always a premeditated crime. The murderer has already thought it through and has set a specific goal. What are the goals of Israel in poisoning girls in the

First: The crime is motivated

By Joseph B. Frazier

Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua - Nic-

araguan insurgents and the San-

dinista government alike are exp-

loiting the past two months of fig-

hting in northern Nicaragua to

maintain credibility among their

The leftist government has been

saying since soon after it took

power at the end of a 1978-79

revolution that a U.S.-backed inv-

asion from neighbouring Hon-

duras was likely. A year ago it

began warning that the invasion

Enrollment in the militias, the

equivalent of a civil defence corps

is said to be down sharply as cit-

izens tired of hearing of an inv-

asion that never came. Anti-

Sandinista rehels have been tal-

king militantly for at least two

years but had done little until rec-

ently beyond occasional cross-

border raids. Late last year rebel

leaders said privately that they

stood to lose credibility if they did

The government has been able

to use the fighting to show it has

not been giving false alarms and

the rebels' Nicaraguan democratic

force, with leaders in Honduras

and Miami, has proven it is willing

to do more than talk. Even rebel

supporters say the insurgency is

not strong enough to topple the

government, although they say

that is their goal. They lack the

popularity that the Sandinistas

supporters.

was "imminent."

not act soon.

by the general desire of Israel to evacuate the West Bank in accordance with their goal of getting a land without people. Girls occupy a particular position in the Arab family. Efforts to protect girls from malice is something deeply rooted in Arab culture. By threatening girls, the Israelis play on this

sensitivity. Second: Most of the movement of West Bankers to the neighbouring East Bank and other Arab territory tend to be predominantly a movement of men. They go outside their home country in pursuit of education, work or in refuge from political harassment by the Israelis.

Girls tend to stay and even

convince their male partners or relatives to return. By scaring girls, the purpose of enforcing migration is served.

Third: Girls have been quite active in recent demonstrations and resistence activities against the Israeli occupiers. The Arab girls' enthusiasm in occupied territories has brought heated and sympathetic response from the macho males there. To put an end to such a development, the Israelis came up with and implemented this crime consisting of selective poisoning.

Fourth: The Israelis feel that the world at large is experiencing limited patience in its pursuit for a real and genuine peace in the area. So, they are

Another exile group, the Costa

Rica-based democratic rev-

olutionary alliance. is led by for-

mer Sandinista leaders who say

the revolution has strayed from its

Six task forces

It includes former Sandinistas

the government junta, and

Alfonso Robelo, who is a member

Eden Pastora, a military leader.

Its leaders say it has no role in the

fighting, is political and is counting

on internal dissent to spark an ins-

The government says about

1,200 rebels crossed into Nic-

aragua from Honduras in six task

forces in January and says 400 of

those have been killed or driven

back across the border. Other

government sources estimate

rebel strength at 5,000. The dif-

ference may be people within the

country who are helping the reb-

els. Although the government said

how many troops it is using, the

number is estimated at 3,000 to

4.000, plus an unknown number

of militiamen. While officials say

the troop movements are routine,

soldiers say they are being sent

into the rugged western part of the

country because of the intensified

threatened, the intensified fig-

hting has been more widespread

along the Honduran border. Rep-

While the government is not

over four northern provinces

than the earlier skirmishes

rebel activity.

original objectives.

employing criminal last minute pressures to force West Bankers to evacuate.

Fifth: So what is new about the Begin class? They are proud performers of mass kil-lings in Deir Yassin, Sabra and Shatila. It is commensurate with their style to create panic and mass hysteria by killing en

Last, but not least, Israel is motivated by the demographic considerations mentioned above. The Israelis may have underestimated the response of the world community. But they always push things to a climax knowing that the reprisal will simply be verbal... What harm is there in few repremanding words?

orts of fighting have come from as

far south as towns in southern

Matagalpa less than 100 kms from

fighting is hard to obtain because

the battles are small and widely

scattered. While the government

gives permission for trips to most

areas, gasoline is rationed and

even with coupons, is scarce. Both

Honduras and Nicaragua have

warned that the fighting could

Honduras denies the exile for-

ces are based there and rejects

Nicaragua's accusation that its

troops crossed the border to help

the Sandinista government of sen-

ding arms and giving other sup-

port to leftist insurgencies in the

region, especially El Salvador. It

has not responded to charges that

it supports the Nicaraguan rebels.

but has done nothing to stop the

training of rebels in Florida. It has

said Nicaragua must agree to stop

arming Salvadorean rebels, a cha-

rge Nicaragua denies, before other issues can be discussed.

lead to a war between them.

waged by the United States.

First-hand information on the

the capital.

# Taiwan may use Netherlands as diplomatic testing ground

By Walter Ellis

AMSTERDAM: The People's Republic of China has still to put its money where its mouth is in terms of trade, in the opinion of many auxious businessmen.

Its diminutive alter ego, the Republic of China - better known as Taiwan -- has no such qualms and is currently in the front rank of smaller trading nations. Mainland China, however, reserves a special place in its demonology for Taiwan, and this detestation has for the past two years come to touch on the Netherlands, which trades with Taiwan with a determined and, some would say, reckless abandon.

In 1981. Taiwan ordered (wo submarines for its navy from Wilton Fijenoord, part of the RSV shipbuilding group. The order was controversial and immediately drew fire from Peking. The Net-herlands was told that relations between the two countries were to be reduced to charge d'affaires level and, on the trade front. Royal Dutch Shell was told to stop work on its search for oil in China's Shanxi province. Chinese ships began a boycott of Dutch

It would be too much to say that the Dutch Government was unmoved. It was not prepared, however, to force RSV to cancel the project -- which was worth \$500 million-and the Dutch and Chinese ambassadors and most of their respective staffs duly returned home. The Hague protested that a commercial deal, even involving military weapons, did not imply its recognition of Taipei, but Peking felt otherwise.

For the Netherlands the affair presented a dilemma. On the one hand, as an active trading nation faced with international recession. it could not afford to turn away business with a dynamic partner such as Taiwan. On the other, it did not want to blight its long-term trading interests by alienating the world's most populous, and potentially richest, nation.

the exiles. Nicaragua claims the since conspired against this purpose. Trade between the Dutch Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escand the Taiwanese is flourishing. oto said last week his country was and there have been strong hints 'under invasion war ... in an undfrom Taiwan recently of an adderclared war. All they did was itional sweetener of F1 50 million change its name to covert act-(\$18.7 million) in orders for "A lot of people are being Dutch industry this year if only Wilton Fijenoord will come up killed ... because they are being made to fight the United States wih the submarines, as contracted, in spite of the financial difficulties The U.S. government accuses at RSV.

Commenting on recent remarks by Mr. Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch Premier, to the effect that the submarine deal is a purely commercial matter and that Taiwan, if it wants the vessels delivered, must come up with the money itself, Free China Weekly observes:

#### Not by evasion

"The prime minister is now saying that the submarines deal is nothing to do with the gov-ernment, which is not quite true... should the Dutch want to get out of (the deal), they should do so has also been a Dutch trade comhonourably and openly and not by evasion."

Wilton Fijenoord, it should be said, is only too anxious to produce the goods, but is severely hampered by the fact its parent

company has spent the F1 260 million advanced by Taswan in 1981 on a failed coalmining project in the U.S. Mr. Lubbers has rejected all

appeals for state assistance—that would be too overtly political as well as expensive—but is at the same time unwilling to see a poxsible 1,500 men at the yard lose their jobs. He is hoping for a purely commercial rescue; even if that meant participation in Wilton Figencord by Taiwan, he would alm ost certainly not stand in the way.

The ambiguity -- hotly denied in the Hague - of the Netherlands' links with Taiwan is currently hest displayed by a new air service due to start next month (April) between Amsterdam-Schiphol and Taipei. The Dutch end of the route is registered in the name of Martinair, an independent airline. but is to be run, inaugurally at least, by KLM, the state carrier.

#### Technical affair

Taiwan has always claimed that KLM is a contracting party to the deal (it owns 49 per cent of Martinair). KLM replies that its involvement is "a purely technical, administrative affair," while the Government avers that its "one China" policy is not altered by a commercial deal between two companies, China Airlines and Martinair.

Once again, Taipei sees things differently. The new route will be the first direct, scheduled air link between Europe and Taiwan, and is being pushed by the island Chinese as another step forward in their relations with the West. An official trade delegation armed with cheque books arrived in Amsterdam earlier this month.

In the less controversial field of day-to-day trade, meanwhile, things are progressing steadily. The first 10 months of 1982 saw Taiwan sell F1 579 million worth of goods to Holland while buying Et 270 million worth in return. This compares with sales to the Dutch in the whole of 1981 worth FI 805 million, and purchases of

F1 223 million. The imbalance is hefty, and new shipping orders and other contracts with Dutch industry would be extremely welcome in the Netherlands. Imports from Taiwan up to the end of October last year were made up of electronics (F1 70 million), shoes (F1 50 million), textiles (F1 50 million), toys and sporting goods (FI 30 million), televisions, radios and hi-fi equ-

ipment (F1 40 million) and other goods (F1 234 million). What is worrying the Dutch (and angering Peking) is the sus-

picion that Taiwan may be using the Netherlands as a testing ground in its drive for diplomatic recognition. If the Dutch cave in, the theory goes, others might swiftly follow. The Dutch Foreign Ministry is resolute in its protestation of "one China." Not all Dutch businessmen appear to share this view. Not only is there a Taiwanese trade delegation in the mission in Taipei. For the Taiwanese the hope - however forlorn -- must be that the flag will follow trade.

-- Financial Times news feature

# Abortion row challenges new Irish government

# Coalition shows signs of strain after only three months

By Colin McIntyre

DUBLIN — Ireland's coalition government is showing signs of strain only three months after it took power as it faces the possibility of its first defeat in parliament - over a controversial abortion bill.

The coalition between conservative Fine Gael party, tra-ditionally supported by big business, and the Labour Party already shows cracks over the government's harsh economic pol-

The programme, aimed at cutting a billion-pound (\$1.3 billion) current deficit and £5 billion (\$6.5 billion) foreign debt, included sharp increases in direct and indirect taxes and cuts in social ben- major parties decided they could efits. The government only just managed to pass its social welfare mised their support. bill after one labour deputy resigned from the party and others warned they would have difficulty supporting it. Some unions have already threatened to review their affiliation to Labour.

Now the coalition faces a severe test over a two-year-old campaign for a referendum to have current legislation banning abortion put into the constitution.

The bill has proved even more divisive than the economic measures, splitting the country and tying up parliament and the press in a marathon biological, theological and legal debate that has pushed most other business aside. While a growing body of opinion is calling for an end to the endless discussion and a return to more pressing problems, the proamendment movement appears to have taken on a momentum of its

The campaign was started by a small pressure group worried by supreme court decisions in other countries that had made abortion easier, and determined that the same should not happen in Ireland. Because its launch coincided with a general election, both not afford to ignore it, and pro-

#### Campaign welcomed

The campaign was welcomed by the Catholic church, but condemned by the Protestant churches as sectarian and divisive and an invasion of the right to free choice. Other critics said it was unnecessary, since abortion was already covered by law.

The charge of sectarianism was particularly embarrassing for Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald, who wants to rid the constitution of sectarian overtones offensive to protestants in northern Ireland as a prelude to talks

on reunification. The original wording of the bill. drafted by the opposition Fianna Fail party, read: "The state acknowledges the right to life of the unborn, and with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws ro defend and vindicate that

While some Labour deputies made it clear they would oppose the bill on principle, its passage with Fianna Fail support seemed

#### Large spanner

The Attiorney-General Peter Sutherland threw a large spanner in the works by declaring that the bill was full of holes, and could actually lead to legalisation of abortion. He introduced new simplified wording saying: "nothing in this constitution shall be invoked to invalidate any provision of a law on the grounds that it prohibits abortion."

After a long and heated debate the Fine Gael parliamentary party accepted the new wording since it fulfilled the original demand of its sponsors, to protect the abortion law from the supreme court.

However it was immediately attacked by the sponsors, the Catholic church and the opposition as unacceptable because it left open the possibility that parliament could change the law at some fut-ure date. The Protestant churches welcomed the change, arguing that it put the responsibility for deciding such sensitive issues in parliament, where it belonged. The second stage of the bill, containing both versions, was passed in parliament, but eight Labour deputies opposed it on the grounds that the issue had no place in the constitution.

The crunch will come in the committee stage later this month when parliament chooses between the two versions. With Fianna Fail pledged to oppose the new wording, the government, with a fiveseat majority, faces the prospect of defeat. While this will not bring it down, it will represent a major embarrassment and add to internal strains at a time of economic hardship when the government badly needs unity.

# LETTERS

# Alia: The pleasant flight

To the Editor:

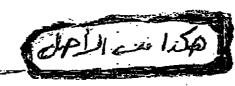
A year or so ago, I wrote a letter to your newspaper criticising one of Alia's flights that was not up to standard in service and hospitality. Alia responded with a letter that I and some of my friends thought could have been more subtle because we would like Alia to win the argument -- although they should learn from individual remarks, as institutions should have the final say.

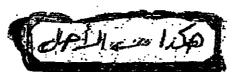
Anyway, since then I have flown often with Alia to different parts of the world without cause to complain. Especially my last flight with a Jordanian delegation from the friendly and hospitable Bahrain, was a fine example of now flights should

The Alia managers were exceptionally helpful, the cabin crew on the plane ran the flight as if it were a loved home. Eventhe unpleasant turbulance was made not so unpleasant by such surroundings.

Also, our customs officers have improved in their treatment of guests, which completes the picture. So, well done Alia -- keep up the good work and God bless.

> Nabil Y. Sawalha. Director Haya Aris Centre





# The wrong time and place to be a Palestinian'

By Patrick Cockburn

SIDON: Since the Israeli invasion last June. Lebanon has become a dangerous place to live if you are a Palestinian.

Five years ago, Nabil Sharkawi scraped together the money to open a sweet shop in Sidon. The shop prospered and he moved to a small apartment in the prosperous. Abra area, in the hills overlooking the city.

In February Nabil Sharkawi was killed by Christian extremists, who tore out his eyes and teeth. It is events like these that fan the fear of the 450,000 Palestinians in Lebanon that the massacres at Sabra and Shatila refugee camps will be repeated.

"It is the wrong time and place to be a Palestinian," said a member of the community, an engineer on his way to work in the Gulf. Most Palestinians have nowhere to go. In Beirut the survivors of last September's massacre have crowded back into the houses and

streets where their relatives were slain, patching up bomb and shell-damaged walls and houses with raw concrete blocks.

In Sabra and Shatila the Palestinians have a measure of security because they are guarded by French and Italian troops from the 4,800-strong multinational force. Behind the Israeli lines in Sidon and further south, they face graver dangers. The Israelis have turned over much of the responsibility for security to Major Saad Haddad, the Lebanese army renegade, and his largely Christian militia, which used to hold only the far southern fringe of Lebanon close to the Israeli border.

Today his powers have expanded. On the main road into Sidon from the north, Major Haddad's men have established checkpoints backed by antique but possibly effective World War II tanks. Other members of his militia are around the town, many wearing a small but distinctive gold cross around their necks.

Sidon is an overwhelmingly Mus- in heavy fighting between the Isrlim city and the fear of more killings is almost as strong among local Lebanese as it is among Pal-

#### Intimidation

So far this year, more than a dozen local Palestinians have died. Their killers, including Nabil Sharkawi's, probably came from a string of Christian villages to the east of Sidon. Intimidation is having its effect on other prosperous Palestinians who had moved into the hill suburbs. They are being forced out, leaving their apa-

rtments without compensation.
Often they are told to move across the railway tracks which mark the edge of Ain El Hilwe, the largest refugee camp in Leb-anon. In 1980 the camp, a sprawling dishevelled township, had a population of 24,000 and today its muddy streets and small cabins look very crowded. Many buildings were damaged or destroyed

aelis and the Palestine Liberation Organisation last June.

Most of the residents are women and children. The men often work in the Gulf and support their families through remittances. Since the war, many have fled to the Bekaa Valley, which is under Syrian control, or are in the Israeli prison camp at Ansar. At the end of March a woman was shot in the leg during a demonstration in Ain El Hilwe demanding the release of men from Ansar.

"Any Palestinian of military age is danger of arrest by the Christian militias," said a man from Sidon. three of whose brothers are in Ansar. A small Palestinian national guard has been set up to defend the camp by the Israelis, but it is unlikely long to survive their departure.

#### New problems

If the Israelis do withdraw, the

Palestinians face different problems in the south of Lebanon. Some 270,000 Palestinians are registered by the United Nations, mostly refugees or their descendants who arrived in Lebanon in 1948. Another 170,000 or so are not registered and the government of President Amin Gemayel is pledged to get this latter group out of Lebanon.

All Palestinians in the country face endless problems getting travel documents and passports. There are 80,000 Palestinians with Lebanese passports working in Saudi Arabia who are having difficulties getting their passports renewed because the government says that many of the passports are forged or illegally held.

Many Palestinians feel extremely bitter at the unwillingness of the Gulf states to accept any more Palestinians. Saudi Arabia

and Kuwait are particularly difficult to enter. Such access is crucial for their future because so many Palestinian families, and indeed many Lebanese, are dependent on one or more members making a high income in the Gulf.

Even before the war last year there were few jobs available in Lebanon. Since the start of the civil war in 1975, the country has been kept affoat by the \$150 million a month remitted by 200,000 Lebanese nationals working abr-

For the Palestinians remaining in Lebanon, the future has looked bleak since the departure of the PLO. At best, they remain vulnerable to pressure from an unsympathetic government. At worst they could face a repeat of last September's killings.

-- Financial Times news feature



Intimidation has forced more Palestinians into Ain El Hilweb, Lebanon's largest refugee camp, now being rebuilt by the refugees (photo: UNRWA) Refugees in Ain El Hilweb repair last year's damage (photo: UNRWA)

FOR THE TRAVELLER

# Randa Habib

# One year on

A year ago today, this corner started. It is time to take a retrospective look.

Your encouragements as well as your criticisms have been beneficial. I am often told: "You are too critical of Jordanian women, their jewellery, their furs...,", or "It is in the Arabic papers that your comments should be published, not in an English newspaper that foreigners read," or "Let's not wash our dirty linen in pub-

The answer to this is purely technical: my Arabic is unfortunately not good enough for me to write articles in Arabic. As to the fact that foreigners can read our comments, this should not embarrass us; on the contrary, we should be glad to show the world that we make our mistakes (who doesn't?) and that we can courageously face them.

As to your encouragements, they have been a balm to my heart. Your letters, phone calls, compliments... it's thanks to you that I've made it through this year and hope to make it for some time

I was touched by requests such as the one made by a group of students who wanted my photo to be published. I know that one likes to put a face to a name ... but I leave it to your imagination.

I am often told: "You know your corner releases our frustrations". Well, this is in a way what this column tries to do. A release of frustration, but a release that is positive... Let our criticisms be constructive and let them help us to improve our-

All I ask is that you continue to take the criticisms made in this corner in good spirit, in a good mood and with an open heart...

# Opinion -- Al Ra'i

# Rejoice or groan?

By Fahd Al Fanek

It is said that the drop in oil prices will help reduce inflation on the international level, and allow a two per cent economic growth in an industrialised country like the USA.

Jordan's economy is more sensitive to the increase and decrease in oil prices than many other economies, because few other economies allocate more than 12.5 per cent of GNP to pay their crude oil bill as Jordan does.

A reduction in the oil price per barrel from \$34 to \$29 should result in a drop in prices of approximately 2.0 per cent. and an increase in economic growth of nearly the same percentage. Each \$1 decrease in oil price per barrel means a reduction in our petroleum bill equal to JD 7.2 million, and an increase of the same figure in the GNP, and in the balance of payments (or a decrease in its

Jordan--which has nothing to do with the rise or fall of oil-prices and can by no means influence them, finds it hard to know whether to rejoice or to group at the fall in world crude oil prices. Though the country's high oil bill will be reduced, the fall in oil prices will also be reflected in the volume of aid granted to Jordan by the Arab oil-exporting countries. The size of such aid might decrease considerably on the grounds that the oil revenues earned by such countries has dro-

Nonetheless, the value of Arab aid to Jordan was decided by the Baghdad Arab summit in 1979, long before recent oil price increases. A barrel of crude oil was worth only \$18 then--an extremely low price compared with the present

Dr. Awni Al Hawamdeh

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# **TODAY'S EVENTS**

WHAT'S GOING ON

#### CONCERTS

Magna Carte performs at the Royal Cultural Centre at 7:30 p.m.

French pianist Erik Berchot perfe

#### EXHIBITION

\* "Acryllics and Gouaches" by Nicole Massin at the French Cultural Centre.

### **CULTURAL CENTRES**

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#### MUSEUMS

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Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill).

Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and scu-lpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal

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Instrumentals, Old Favourites

# memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240. Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes. weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.

#### SERVICE CLUBS

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#### CHURCHES

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### WEATHER

As Khamsin approaches Amman, the weather will be cloudy, with scattered showers. Winds will be northwesterly moderate. A drop in temperature is also expected, In Aqaba, it will be hazy, with chances of scattered showers. Winds will be southerly and seas rough.
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# SPORTS

# Masters golf tournament wide open this year

AUGUSTA, Georgia (R) - With Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson suffering early-season problems the 82-strong field is wide open in the 47th Masters golf tournament which begins Thursday at the 6.905-vard (6.310-metre) Augusta national course.

Nicklaus, who has won the event a record five times, and two-time champion Watson have yet to win a tournament between them this year, and both admit they have yet to find their true

As a result, the experts are looking elsewhere for a potential champion and the names being most widely mentioned are their fellow-Americans Tom Kite, Ray Floyd and Hal Sutton.

"Any time you try to predict a winner at Augusta. you have to include Tom Kite," Nicklaus remarked recently after completing a practice round.

The wiry-haired Kite has been the most consistent player on the tour for the past three years and is number four money winner this year with \$126,408. But despite his consistency his critics note he has won only five events and has never taken one of the big four tournaments-the Masters, the U.S. and British Opens and the

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (R)

- India's opening batsman Sunil

Gavaskar Tuesday became the

second highest scorer of centuries

in test cricket and needs three

Gavaskar, who made his mai-

den test hundred here 12 years

ago, achieved his 27th by scoring

an unbeaten 147 as the rain-hit

third test against West Indies

ended in a draw on the fifth and

India scored 284 for three in

reply to the first innings total of

470 by West Indies, who lead 1-0

Gavaskar surpassed former

West Indies captain Sir Garfield

Sobers' total of 26 test centuries

and is now only two short of the

world record of 29 held by ex-

Australian skipper Sir Domald

There was never any chance of a

definite result after the second and

fourth days were washed out, and

India batted solidly under the inf-

luence of Gavaskar and Dilip

Although with the good con-

PRAGUE (R) - Belgian World

Cup striker Erwin Vandenbergh

scored a golden goal against Boh-

emians Prague here Wednesday to

point Anderlecht towards the

Anderlecht's 1-0 semifinal first

leg win was only the second home

beating inflicted on the Cze-

choslovak side in three years and

made the Belgians overwhelming

favourites to reach their third

European final in seven years.

Vengsarker, with 62.

UEFA Cup final.

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in the five-match series.

more to beat the world record.

Kite. 33. has an impressive record in the Masters, finishing in the top six five times in the past six years. But to win he must overcome the recent trend which has seen the winner's green jacket go almost invariably to the longer hit-

Floyd fits this mould, and at 40 he is playing the best golf of his career. He has finished second in the money-winners' list the past two years and although he is only 16th this season with a score average of 70.16 strokes a round.

The blond-haired Floyd has not yet won this year but in nine appearances he has finished in the top seven four times and he has not finished lower than 23rd.

Floyd's record of 18 tour victories testify to his will to win and his victories in the 1969 PGA and 1976 Masters show he can withstand the pressure in the majors.

Sutton has earned his place as a contender by heading the money-winners list in only his second year on the tour. He has four top-10 finishes to his credit this year and two weeks ago outlasted the rest of the field to win the prestigious tournament Players' Championship.

dition of the pitch ruling out a dec-

isive result or even some exc-

Gavaskar bat drew a sizeable

crowd and, as his innings grew, the

Gavaskar, who opened with

Anshuman Gaekwad when India

started their innings promptly in the morning, scored his first 50

with fluency and included seven

But Gavaskar was bogged down

for a long time on 92 and took 18

minutes after tea to add to this

score before he reached his hun-

dred in 278 minutes off 182 balls,

Vandenbergh rose half an hour

into the game to head a perfect

high cross from World Cup tea-

mmate Ludo Coeck past helpless

It was one more crucial strike

for the Belgian goal-getter who

scored the first goal of last year's

World Cup in the 1-0 win over

defending champions Argentina

and was on target again last week

in Belgium's 2-1 European Cha-

hitting 12 fours.

West Indies.

stands became more packed.

as fifth test against West Indies drawn

Sutton, 24, won the 1980 U.S. amateur championship and last year was named "rookie of the

Despite their lack of success, Nicklaus and Watson cannot be easily discounted. Nicklaus. 43. became this year the first golfer to surpass \$4 million in tournament earnings, finished runner-up in the inverrary classic, fifth in the bay hill classic and eighth at the Doral Open.

However, his putting has become questionable and will be tested to the utmost by the superfast greens at Augusta which promise to be slicker than ever if the weather remains hot and dry.

Watson, 33, has not come close to winning a tournament this year and there must be long odds against him repeating last year's feat of winning both the U.S. and the British Opens.

Watson's usual strategy of spending the week before the Masters in his native Kansas City to practice backfired when atrocious weather closed the course most of the time. However, both he and Nicklaus have both showed time and again that they are tough to beat when it comes to the majors.

India's Gavaskar moves nearer to record

itement, the attraction of seeing Richards to make the score 68 for Gavaskar should have gone just before Amarnath's dismissal, but he was put down by Gordon Greenidge at second slip off Marshall. operating from round the wicket. To that point, Gavaskar had batted with absolute command and

drive at Malcolm Marshall, was

superbly taken at third slip by Viv

scored his 50 in 106 minutes. Gavaskar and Venesarkar shared a third wicket partnership which lasted well into the afternoon and put on 112, though Vengasarkar survived a chance to Greenidge off Andy Roberts on

Immediately after reaching his Looking suspect outside the off century, however, Gavaskar stump, Vengsarkar was uitdrove Larry Gomes for a six and a imately caught from a sliced drive. same over. He batted the catch being deflected to Ricaltogether for 330 minutes, and hards from the right glove of wicthis was his 11th century against ketkeeper Jeff Dujon.

Gavaskar and Yashpal Sharma, Gavaskar lost his opening parwho scored an unbeaten 35, shatner when Gaekwad was caught red an unfinished fourth wicket behind off a beautiful out-swinger partnership of 104 as the match from Michael Holding, while petered out to its inevitable con-Mohinder Amarnath, edging a

Anderlecht heads for UEFA Cup final

mpionship victory over East Ger-The Belgians packed their defmmate Ludo Coeck past helpless ence after the goal, leaving only international goalkeeper Zdenek Vandenbergh and Brylle, later replaced by Alexandre Cze-

niatynski, up front. They resorted to delaying tactics towards the end of the second half to cling to the lead they hope will be the springboard to their third European title following their triumphs in the Cup Win-ners' Cup in 1976 and 1978.

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# since the Chinese were admitted and players are there are at least to the International Badminton 20 more who can play as well as

LONDON - China's top badminton players live in what most world.

their international prize money to their national association. They earn only £30 (\$45) a month as teachers and live in the most spartan flats.

incentive to win. "But we throw all we've got into the game for love of our country," said Zhang Ailing, who won the women's event for the second successive year.

The Chinese team returned home from the All-England event, the world's most prestigious annual tournament, with both singles titles and the women's doubles crown, leaving no doubt about their position as the premier badminton power.

Luan Jin smashed his way to the men's title over 1982 champion Morten Frost of Denmark, Zhang beat compatriot and West German Open Champion Wu Jianqiu. and Xu Rong and Wu Jianqiu beat Lin Ying and Wu Dixi to take the women's doubles.

Luan's win provided the biggest surprise to observers who expected him to bow again to Frost's greater stamina. "But he is really the master now," Frost said.

his £1,000 sterling (\$1,450) prize money to the Chinese Badminton Federation, who would later award him a small amount of money for his victory. He said the Chinese players would be highly commended back home.

small incomes, benefit from being permanently salaried by the state either as teachers or students at sports colleges, where they have Western sportsmen.

hours of badminton daily at home and in the three months before the All-England they put in extra hours for symnastic exercises. In Peking they were coached together intensively for a month before coming to London.

badminton in China because it regards it as a national sport along with volley ball, handball, and table tennis," said Chen Changjie, who was beaten in the third round men's singles by England's Nick

holds its players as dear as gold. Perhaps mindful of the defection in the United States last July of tennis star Hu Na, the women badminton players were conspicuously chaperoned in London by a Chinese official.

ection on the Western press, and the badminton players had to ask permission from their leaders before talking to reporters here.

Both the Chinese and their riv-als at the All-England said they had learned from each other and

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# China scoopes top badminton honours

'We have had to work on our

"We have good defence but the

Chinese are too fast for us the first

time round," Canadian Claire

Backhouse said after she and Joh-

anne Falardeau, the Com-

monwealth Games champions

lost a women's doubles second

round match to Li Lingwei and

Han Aiping. Zhang, 25, said she thought

Chinese women, and Asians in

general, had great physical adv-

antages. "The Europeans are tal-

ler with wider hips and are thus

not as agile. We are more flexible

and can thus move much faster."

Their women were particularly

Federation (IBF) less than two

stamina to match the Western Western sportsmen would regard physique," said the muscular as dire poverty but their results at Luan Jin. "And the Westerners last month's All-England Chahave been improving their style mpionships here made them the since we first came to Europe a envy of their rivals around the few years ago," said women's doubles runner-up Wu Dixi.

The Chinese must hand over

They might seem to have little

Luan said he had to surrender

All the Chinese, despite their more time for training than most

They said they played several

The government puts a lot into Yates.

There are clear signs that China

China had blamed Hu Na's def-

the game had improved noticeably

#### Now it is possible for players strong here, occupying six of the from both China and Taiwan to eight seeded positions and having play each other, as happened this all four singles semi-finalists and three of the last four in the douyear when Taiwan's Sherry Liu, partnered by West German Eva-Marie Fwiebler, lost 15-0. There reign should be a long 15-3 to China's Xu Rong and Wu one. "We have 30 provinces at Jianqiu in the women's doubles. home, all producing good teams China protests to U.S.

over tennis star Hu Na

PEKING (R) - China Wednesday night lodged a strong protest with the U.S. government over its decision to grant political asylum to Chinese tennis star Hu Na. the New China News Agency

(NCNA) reported. Quoting diplomatic sources, the official agency said the protest was contained in a note handed to American Ambassador Arthur Hummel by Vice Foreign Minister Han Xu. The agency did not reveal the

contents of the note.

A foreign ministry spokesman resenting her country in a Fed-said Tuesday that Hu. 19, was coe-eration Cup tournament in Calreed into defecting, and warned ifornia.

her asylum would damage bilateral ties. He described Monday's justice department ruling as "a grave incident long premeditated and deli-

Washington its decision to grant

the ones here," Zhang said.

Now the Chinese look to next

month's World Champiotonships

in Copenhagen. Their four ent-

rants -- the maximum allowed in

that event -- top the women's

seedings and the men's team has

been strengthened by the addition

of Han Jian, absent from the All-

England but a star of last July's

Thomas Cup victory over Ind-

China entered the International

Badminton Federation (IBF) in

1981 after a long and bitter pol-

itical row over Taiwan's mem-

bership. Taiwan, which regards

itself as the true China, were all-

owed to remain after changing its

Before their admission to the

IBF, China had belonged to the

breakaway World Badminton Federation (WBF) but exclusion

from the IBF had prevented them

from proving their might as the

name to Taipei.

world's best.

berately created by the United States. He denied the tennis star's allegations that she faced persecution if she returned home. adding: "The U.S. government

has no ground whatsoever to grant political asylum to Hu Na." Hu defected last July while rep-

people need shouting at, others

need telling they are the best in the

world. I'd love another chance.

But I'd also love Bob Willis to be

Botham, who often did not look

given the captaincy this summer."

# **Botham seeks England** cricket captaincy again

LONDON (R) - Ian Botham gement I didn't realise that some wants to captain England's cricket team again, but is backing current skipper Bob Willis to lead the side

in the forthcoming season.

All-rounder Botham, who lost four times and drew eight in his 12-match one-year reign as England captain starting in mid-1980, now feels mature enough to handle the job.

Botham, speaking on a television sports programme here, said: "I've learned a lot since I lost the captaincy of England.

I've matured. "My problem was man man-

match fit during England's recent tour of Australia, now says he is back in good shape. "Tve been training with Scu-

nthorpe United (soccer club). I'm lighter and fitter than when I took a lot of Australian wickets in 1981. No England player has a tougher training programme than me," he said.

#### Headmaster to run Grand National to raise school funds

EASTBOURNE, England (R) — The headmaster of a school hit by spending cuts plans to run the Grand Nation steeplechase course on foot--climbing the jumps with an aluminium ladder--to raise money for school equipment.

Peter Rogan, 39, headmaster of a junior school north of Liverpool, hopes to raise enough cash to buy a mini-bus, text books and a video recorder for his school, delegates at a National Teachers' Conference were told here.

The hard-up headmaster did not attend the conference, which deplored the effect of local spending cuts on education, because he was training for his Grand National attempt. He will set off on Sunday, the day after the horses hurtle over the jumps.

"He is taking it very seriously-he's lost a stone and a half (9.5 kg) in training," a colleague told the teachers.

Jordan Times Tel: 666265

# Lendl beats Arraya in WCT tourney

HOUSTON, Texas (R) — Topseeded Ivan Lendi of Czechoslovakia, showing no sign of the injuries that have plagued him this year, crushed Pablo Arraya of Peru 6-0, 6-0 in the \$300,000 World Championship Tennis (WCT) fournament here Tuesday. Fifth-seeded Wojtek Fibak of

Poland, who is Lendl's coach, did not fare so well, losing a 3-0 first set lead to go down 7-5. 6-3 to Sammy Giammalva of the U.S. Lendl has been through a bad patch of groin and shoulder ini-

uries and suffered first-round defeats in three tournaments this year. But on Tuesday he lost only 15 points in beginning his quest for his third Houston title in four years. He won four games at love and clinched victory in just 47 minutes although Arraya played tenaciously at the start.

"I just tried to keep the ball in play." Lendi said. "I tried not to miss too much. When I have tried

to hit the hall hard in the last few weeks, I have been making too many errors. This is the best I have felt in a while "

Three other seeds also advanced to the second round. Fourth-seeded Bill Scanlon of

the U.S. defeated Vijay Amritraj of India 3-0. 6-4. 6-1. seventhseeded Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina beat Andy Andrews of the U.S. 6-4 and eighth-seeded Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia best Tony Giammalva of the U.S. 6-7, 6-4, 6-4

In other first round matches, John Alexander of Australia beat Christophe Roger-Vasselm of France 7-5, 6-1: Eric Fromm of the U.S. defeated Andres Mauter of West Germany 6-4, 6-4; Henri Leconte of France defeated Thomas Hogstedt of Sweden 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 and Drew Githn of the U.S. defeated Chris Johnstone of Australia 7-5, 5-7, 6-1.

## Soviets battle to keep amateur boxing Kings Cup

BANGKOK (R) - Defending middleweight divisions, with an team champions the Soviet Union kept alive their hopes of retaining from light-fly Sourzheuko. the Kings Cup amateur boxing title with three quarter-final wins Tuesday.

light-flyweight, welterweight and knockout win.

impressive performance coming

He appeared to be heading for the Soviet Union's first gold medal Their successes came in the when he scored his second straight

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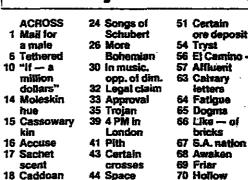
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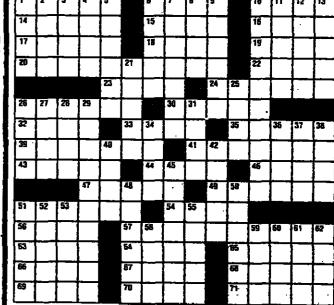
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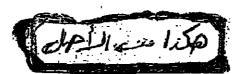
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# ECONOMY

# Survey shows increased hopes of recovery

BRUSSELS(R) — The European Commission Wednesday reported growing optimism among Common Market businessmen which it said augered well for prospects of a sustained economic recovery.

The improvements were recorded in a commission-sponsored business survey in February which showed a widespread and pronounced advance over the previous month, the commission said in a statement accompanying the

"The recent fall in interest rates, declining oil prices, reduced stock levels and lower inflationary expectations are all factors which now favour economic recovery."

The monthly survey takes into account stock exchange prices and prospects for the future as described by senior executives of about 30,000 manufacturing ind-

ustries and building firms. Early signs of an upturn in West Germany, France and the Net-herlands have now been joined by to first signs of an upturn, com-munity officials said.

Tuesday's close at 1.5050.

hopes for better prospects in Italy, Britain and Ireland, the commission said.

There was a significant improvement in economic sentiment. which was spread widely across all countries and included better forecasts for production, orders, selling-price expectations and stock levels, the commission continued.

In the construction industry, executives reported greater dem-and for labour and better prospects for production plans in France, Italy and the Netherlands.

However, the commission also reported a small drop in the use of industrial capacity, currently at its lowest level since a slump in 1975. This accounted for the small amount of investment in industry, it

The results of the February survey strengthen optimism expressed by the commission about the January results, which pointed

# Turkish officials discuss troubled banking sector

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Fin- brokerage houses, which comance Minister Adnan Baser Kafanglu met the country's top bankers Wednesday to discuss sweeping changes he plans for Tur-key's troubled banking and financial sector.

Bank officials said representatives from all 45 domestic and foreign banks operating in Turkey were invited to the meeting.

A law passed by the militaryappointed National Consultative Assembly last week gave the cabinet power to alter by decree many of the country's banking and financial laws. Mr. Kafaoglu is expected to publish the planned cha-

nges within days.
The Turkish banking sector fell summer of the country's financial brokers.

peted with banks for savers' deposits, and the inability of many recession-hit industrial borrowers to service loans.

Mr. Kafaoglu has said he wants to restructure the banks and establish some form of capital market for the first time.

In the absence of a proper money market, brokerage houses sold bank certificates of deposits and bonds, competing with the banks for savers' money by off-ering interest rates as high as 60 per cent for depositers.

The finance minister said last week he intended to make appointments of bank managing directors subject to finance ministry approval, limit the number of branches banks could open and leginto disarray after the collapse last islate against any revival of the

#### LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Stock prices closed higher in moderate trading with sentiment helped by sterling's strength, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was up 7.2 at 661.2.

The March banking figures had little impact but sterling's performance prompted fresh demand for government bonds which showed net gains of 1 1/2 points. Initial selective interest in equities broadened later. Distillers rose 19p at 249 on hopes the E.C.'s ban on the sale of its Red Lable Whisky in the U.K. will be

North American stocks and gold shares traded mixed. Datastream ended at 238p on its debut against a striking price of 225 while BTR eased 6p to 426 after news that it is still in the market for Thomas Tilling shares at 175p. BTR has said it wishes to buy up to 43.7 million shares in Tilling which held steady at 176p following Tuesday's 49p gain.
ICI closed steady at 394 but Glaxo added 20p to 855, B.P. 12p

to 354 while Racal and Marks and Spencer rose 10p apiece. Banks moved against the general trend but closed above lowest levels and in generally higher insurances Sun Alliance firmed 80p to 1030p but Phoenix fell 10p to 312 after results.

# Grundig profits

Sterling advances

Wednesday with new gains against most currencies.

currencies was 0.3 points higher at 80.6 at midday.

LONDON (R) — Sterling followed up Tuesday's strong advances

Buoyed by confidence that world oil prices are heading for a period

Against the West German mark sterling rose to 3.6465 marks from

of stability, the British pound rose almost a cent to \$1.5140 from

3.6355 and the index measuring its value against a basket of major

FRANKFURT (R) - West Germany's Grundig Home Electronics Company said Wednesday it had made a profit in 1982 after two years of heavy losses and no longer saw an urgent need to find a strong industrial partner.

A company spokesman said he could not give precise figures for the financial year which ended on March 31, but the firm had clearly returned to profit after two years of large losses.

He said turnover of the company, which makes video recorders and television sets, rose to well over three billion marks (\$1.24 billion), up from 2.86 billion marks (\$1.18 billion) the pre-

vious year. Speaking from Grundig headquarters in Fuerth, he said: "This shows that Grundig is a sound company. We are in no hurry to

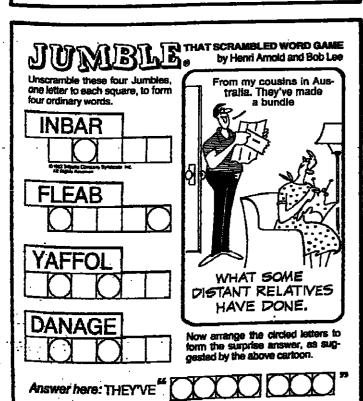
Grundig had been discussing a takeover bid from Thomson Brandt of France to create a European solution to the problem of Japanese dominance in the field of home electronics, but the West German cartel office barred the

Thomson Brandt later bought a 75 per cent interest in the West German firm Telefunken Fernsen Und Rundfunk, which cooperates with the Japanese Victor Com-

In a newspaper interview published Wednesday, Mr. Max Grundig, founder and chairman of the Grundig company, said he still saw a need to sell his 75.5 per cent stake in the firm because of his

age. He will be 75 next month. 'Somehow, at some time, I will lean upon a large partner," he was quoted as saying.





Yesterday's Jumbles: CANAL MIDGE JUSTLY EXCITE

Answer: Might have been seen in the ballrooms of grand ancestral homes—"DANCES"

(Answers tomorrow)

#### LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

> 1.5100/10 1.2334/37 2.4105/15 2.7165/75 2.0465/75 47.92/96 7.2275/2325 1434.00/1435.00 237.10/25 7.4660/90 7.1295/1325 8.5645/75

Italian lire

One ounce of gold 428.00/429.00

U.S. dollars Canadian dollars West German marks Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs

Japanese ven Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns Danish crowns U.S. dollars

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### U.S. bank cuts prime rate to 10%

WINSTON-SALEM, North Carolina (R) - The Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, 31st largest bank in the United States. said Tuesday it was cutting its prime interest rate to 10 per cent from 10.5 per cent from Wednesday. Other major banks have posted a 10.5 per cent prime rate -- the rate banks charge on loans to their most credit-worthy corporate customers - since February. Banking experts in New York said it was unlikely that any of the nation's leading banks would immediately follow Wachovia's move. They said most major banks were waiting for short-term interest rates to fall before cutting their prime rates.

#### W. German unemployment drops

NUREMBERG, West Germany (R) - West Germany announced Wednesday that unemployment figures fell sharply last month from February's record 2.54 million but officials said the underlying trend was still rising. The federal labour office said 2,390,000 people were without jobs in March, 150,000 less than the previous month. The figure represents 9.8 per cent of the work force compared with 10.4 per cent in February.

#### Wine growers discuss production

ROME (R) - More than 20 wine-producing countries met Tuesday to discuss ways tackling surplus production which threatens to depress prices. World production in 1982/83 was a near-record 365 million hectolitres but falling demand could result in huge lake of unsold wine by the end of the year, figures by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation showed. Western Europe contributed most to the total crop, which was exceeded only by the 370 million hectolitres harvested in 1979/80, and there were record vintages also in the United States, Soviet Union and Argentina.

#### Nyerere warns black marketeers

DAR ES SALAAM (R) — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere said Tuesday black marketeers henceforth would be sent, without trial, to work on the land and would have their property confiscated. He told party and government leaders in a speech that many people, including some party and state officials, were arrested in a recent crackdown on black marketeering. He hinted he would use his powers of detention to smash black market dealings. Tanzania is having its worst economic crisis in two decades of independence. Many essential goods are unobtainable from shops that are supposed to sell them at controlled prices but can be found on the black market.

#### Cubans to discuss debt maturities

PARIS (R) - Cuban officials will meet foreign bankers in Paris on April 11 to continue talks aimed at reaching agreement on the rescheduling of some \$400 million owed to Western banks, banking sources said Tuesday. The banks led by Credit Lyonnais recently reached a tentative agreement on long and medium-term Cuban debt of about \$200 million.but did not agree terms for the rest which is short-term. Banking sources declined to speculate on the chances of a solution next Monday, but said any agreement must be approved by all the 100 banks involved. They added that approval was still pending for the long and medium-term debt

### Iran, Syria sign oil agreement

LONDON (R) - Iran has signed a one-year contract with Syria for the sale of five million tons of crude oil, Tehran radio reported. The radio said the agreement was signed by Syrian Oil Minister Abdul Jabbar Al Dahhak and Iran's Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi, at the end of week-long discussions between Syrian and Iranian officials. In an interview on state radio, Gharazi said the contract was for the sale of five million tons of crude oil on a cash and barter basis. The radio said the two countries had also signed a commercial letter of understanding under which Iran will import chemicals, textile. beans, peas and barley from Syria.

# **Peanuts**

One sterling

One U.S. dollar





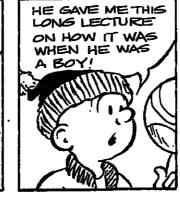


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# Mutt 'n' Jeff









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# Kuwait Asia Bank increases capital

BAHRAIN (R) - The Bahruin-based Kuwait Asia Bank said Wednesday it had bosted its capital to \$100 million from \$30 million by issuing 70 million new shares.

Bank chairman Salah Fahad Al Marzook said the capital increase would enable Kuwait Asia Bank to expand representation in the Asia and Pacific area through new branches and representative offices. joint ventures and other investments.

He said in a statement that the bank's founding shareholders had doubled their stakes, while four new shareholders and one founder had taken up an additional 40 million shares. He gave no details of

Al Marzook noted the bank opened its first overseas branch in Singapore last year as well as taking a 49.9 per cent stake in a new venture in New Zealand, the Australasia Investment company.

#### Leyland workers to continue strike

COWLEY, England (R) - Car workers at the state-owned British Leyland (B.L.) plant here voted Wednesday to continue their nine-day-old strike over management plans to remove a few minutes' cleaning-up time from their shifts. So far it has cost B.L. more than £25 million (\$37.5 million) in production. Over 3,000 workers have been laid off.

# FYOUR DAILY OFOSCOPE from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, APR. 7, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Confine your activities to the details that require your attention in any plans that have breadth and scope to them. Many benefits are due to take place at this time. Be alert.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Engage in small duties that need your attention and forget bigger ventures for the time being. Try to help associates more.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Doing thoughtful things for good friends will be appreciated and will strengthen the alliance. Strive for happiness.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Attend to public duties early so you don't lose out in an important business deal. Stear clear of a troublemaker.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be sure to handle the minute details of a new plan you have in mind. Don't neglect important research.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Deal fairly with debtors and creditors and excellent results will follow. Make sure everything is in order at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You would be wise to carry through with your end of any agreement made with others. Engage in your favorite hobby.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take time to make your environment more charming so you will feel happier. The

evening is fine for entertaining friends. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A good day to correct errors you have made in the past. Show the depth of your af-

fection to the one you love. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make sure you don't lose your temper with an associate or there could be

unfortunate results. Use common sense. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make sure you work carefully so that you don't make errors at work today. It's important to use caution in travel today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be alert in the handling of finances now, otherwise you could make costly er-

rors. Spending less and saving more is wise. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Don't broadcast personal woes to others at this time. Avoid the source of your

discontent and express happiness.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will may want to argue with others and should be taught early to conserve energy for more constructive activities. Otherwise, your progeny could get into needless trouble. A fine chart for the field of engineering.
"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make

of your life is largely up to you!

#### FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, APR. 8, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to delve into social interests that can inspire you to make improvements in your life. Let good friends know your true aims. Strive to become more successful in the future. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get in touch with trusted

allies and gain their aid for a plan you have in mind. Strive for happiness in the days ahead. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Study new operational methods at work and gain greater benefits in the future.

State your goals to influential persons. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A good day for expansion where your regular interests are concerned, so take initial

steps early in the day. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Fine day for taking care of personal responsibilities. Follow your intuition which is accurate at this time.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Come to a better accord with associates and make changes that can yield better results. Avoid one who is not trustworthy.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A good day to expand where business interests are concerned. Don't neglect to handle accumulated duties. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Do something that will

show to loved one that you are truely devoted. Take no chances where your credit is concerned. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Discuss with family

members ways to improve conditions at home. A new outlet can bring more success in the future. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Contact a person

who understands a problem you have and will help you clear it up. Be more active. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Think along more

modern lines where finances are concerned and get better results. Make the evening a happy one. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Plan the future wisely

so you can get what you truly want out of life. Go to the right sources for the data you need. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Take time out from regular

routines and figure out a better way to gain your aims. Spend more time with the one you love. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will be one who wants to learn a great deal, but should be taught early in life to schedule activities well to gain the most benefits. Give the finest education you can afford

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make

of your life is largely up to you!

and success is assured.

# Thais say more napalm raids against Vietnamese possible

commanders said Wednesday they were prepared to send a second wave of fighter-bombers, possibly carrying napalm, against Vietnamese troops who crossed into Thailand from Kampuchea at the weekend.

Senior army officers told reporters that despite inflicting heavy casualties on Monday, Thai planes had still not flushed out Vietnamese troops from border pos-

Maj. Gen. Prachum Phibunphanuwat, the most senior officer at the frontier, confirmed earlier reports that the Thai air force had dropped napalm -- jellied petrol -- on Vietnamese froces entrenched on a hill straddling the ill-defined border.

Prachum, commander of the Thai second division, said the attack by two F-5e fighter-bombers killed many of the estimated 150 Vietnamese dug in at Phnom Pra

Military sources in Bangkok said this was the first time napalm had been caused in Indochina since the end of the Vietnam War eight years ago.

At the border, military sources said Thai ground forces were still unable to advance on the slopes of Phnom Pra.

Earlier reports said Thai troops had dislodged the Vietnamese and driven them back into Kampuchea.

A foreign ministry spokesman dismissed as lies a Vietnamese

Sao Paulo riots worst in Brazil for 3

puchean guerrilla bases along the Phnom Penh.

Bangkok has mounted a diplomatic drive to generate international condemnation of Viemam's fiercest assault against the guerrillas since Hanoi's forces invaded Kampuchea in December

Thai officials said about 200 civilians, as well as five Thai soldiers have been killed during the offensive, which began last week. The Vietnamese casualty toll was not known.

Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda has said that Thai armed forces would not carry the

into Thailand during the current 180,000 troops to support the week-old offensive against Kam- Heng Samrin government in

> International relief workers described the situation at the bor-

They said the number of casualties reaching internationallyrun hospitals in the area had dropped and injuries were from land-mines and bullets rather than

The United States announced it was providing \$1.5 million for emergency medical aid.

Under-Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, who visited the border. said the money would be given to the International Committee of fighting into Kampuchea, where the Red Cross and he urged other Hanoi maintains an estimated countries to give similar support. the Red Cross and he urged other

people, politicians traded charges

in congress that right and left-wing

extremists were whipping up the

Governor Montoro, centre-left

politician opposed to Brazil's mil-

itary government, referred to

"machinations" aimed against

years

# Shuttle flies flawlessly

KENNEDY SPACE CENTRE, plan to get the communications satellite, the most sophisticated Florida (R) — The new U.S. space shuttle Challenger flew flawlessly ever launched, into correct poson its first two days in orbit while specialists tried to correct the path The four astronauts went about their scheduled tasks Tuesday of a misdirected satellite conafter being told that its booster

2,300-kilogramme craft into a "We are getting a much better high enough orbit. experience on this vehicle than we The crew launched the satellite might rightly expect and the crew and its booster, the main goal of is doing a tremendous job." flight the five-day mission, right on time director Gary Coen told reporters Tuesday night as Challenger made about 10 hours after liftoff on its 21st revolution of the earth.

"Other than its orbit, the satellite is operating perfectly nor-mally," Robert Smiley, tracking and data manager for the space agency, told a press conference

rocket system had failed to send

# Spectacular robbery shocks U.K. insurers

LONDON (R) — Insurers have offered a reward of £500,000 (\$ 750,000) to tempt the underworld to inform on the criminals behind Britain's biggest cash robbery. An armed gang made a spe-

sidered vital to the shuttle pro-

While everything on board was

going smoothly, scientists and tec-

hnicians from the National Aer-

onautics and Space Adm-

inistration (NASA), the air force

and private industry worked on a

ctacular raid on a security firm's vaults on Monday and got way with £7 million (\$10.5 million) in used banknotes.

The assault on the London headquarters of Security Express eclipsed the previous record haul in 963 of £2.5 million (then worth about \$6 million) from a mail train

-- the so-called great train rob-

The gang, carrying shotguns,

MUNICH, West Germany (R) civil service.

In this week's raid, six hooded men got into the cash depository by threatening to douse a guard with petrol and set him alight unless he cooperated, one of the staff told reporters Wednesday.

then tied up other employees as they arrived, plundered vaults full of money collected from stores and businesses for transfer to

# Bavaria takes hard line on communists

The West German state of Bavaria might ask the country's constitutional court to ban Communist Party members from gov-ernment service, a senior official said Wednesday.

Bavarian Finance Minister Max Streibl said recent court decisions allowing members of the Moscow-oriented German Communist Party (DKP) to take civil service jobs showed a false understanding of liberalism.

Bayernkurier newspaper, seem likely to rekindle a controversy over whether political "extremists" can be employed in the

"In as much as these decisions point towards a creeping erosion of the civil servant's duty of loyalty to the (state), it will become necessary to give the highest court the opportunity to decide whether they were constitutional." he

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Kuwait approves anti-narcotics bill

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait's National Assembly has approved an anti-narcotics bill rejecting the death penalty but doubling the prison sentence and fine for repeated drug offences. Under the bill, approved Tuesday, a first offence carries a prison sentence of 15 years and a fine of 15,000 dinars (\$50,000). A deputy said drug peddling did not justify the death penalty.

#### Assam violence claims more lives

NEW DELHI (R) - At least five people have been killed and more than 1,000 left homeless in a flare-up of violence in the northeast Indian state of Assam, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said. Armed gangs attacked several villages in the Goalpara district of Western Assam during the past two days, setting fire to

#### 11 hurt in Amritsar violence

NEW DELHI (R) - Eleven people were injured in fresh violence Tuesday in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, in northern Punjab, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said Wednesday. It added that the north Punjab city, headquarters of the militant Sikh Akali Dal movement, was calm Wednesday.

#### South Korean police chief steps down

SEOUL (R) - South Korea's top police officer resigned Wednesday to take responsibility for an incident in which a detained businessman died of brain injuries last month. A policeman has been charged with fatally beating the businessman, but the director-general of the national police headquarters, Ahn Eung-Mo, said he considered himself responsible for not pre-

#### 17-year-old suspected of 5 murders

BRUSSELS (R) - Police have arrested a 17-year-old youth following the discovery of the bullet-riddled corpses of five members of his family in a small village in western Belgium, police sources said Wednesday. A decision on whether to charge him with murder was expected later, they said. Under Belgian law, minors are not necessarily charged formally with crimes. The bodies of his father, mother, grandmother, uncle and aunt were discoverd at a house in Elverdinge, near Ypres, late Tuesday.

#### 2 East Germans flee to West

WEST BERLIN (R) - Two East Germans hanging from a pulley on a self-assembled steel cable swung and slid over the Berlin Wall to West Berlin, the Berliner Zeitung "BZ" said. The newspaper said the two men. aged 24 and 23, climbed on to the roof of a house in East Berlin and fired a steel cable across the wall. On the other side a helper attached it to a car hidden behind a West Berlin house. Using a pulley the East Germans then hung on to the cable and crossed the wall to the West.

#### As unrest spread through cen-SAO PAULO (R) — Children led looters -- mainly small boys -ped out iron railing and stormed tral and southern Sao Paulo, heart the grounds of the state governor's of an urban sprawl of 14 million

looters ransacking shops when protests by people clamouring for jobs turned into Brazil's worst civil unrest for three years.

Television stations reported that a 63-year-old man was shot dead by a supermarket owner during a looting spree in one area of the city. But police were unable to confirm the reports.

Police used tear-gas in the centre of Sao Paulo Tuesday night as

VIENNA (R) — Warsaw Pact

foreign ministers began a two-day

meeting in Prague Wednesday

and are expected to discuss a pro-

posed non-aggression treaty with

NATO and moves over nuclear

missiles in Europe, diplomatic

The Soviet bloc, in line with cus-

tom, has not announced the pre-

cise dates for the session, but has

said only that it will be in the first

The meeting was foreshadowed

by a summit meeting in Prague last

January of party and government

sources said.

half of April.

swarmed through centre of Brazil's biggest city smashing shop windows and helping themselves to goods.

The trouble began on Monday in the suburb of Santo Amaro, where luxury mansions rub shoulders with sprawling slums, after several hundred jobless people protested against unemployment in the recession-hit city.

Up to 2.000 demonstrators rip-

chiefs of the communist alliance,

which groups the Soviet Union,

Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bul-

garia. Czechoslovakia and East

They offered NATO a non-

aggression pact and instructed their foreign ministers to begin

work on it soon. The sources bel-

ieved the current session might

develop the proposal beyond the

basic provisions outlined in a dec-

The Atlantic allies reacted war-

ily, saying they would study the offer carefully.

laration at the Prague summit.

Germany.

palace Tuesday. Riot police dispersed the stone-throwing crowd with baton charges and warning shots into the air.

The violence spread despite Governor Franco Montoro's appeal for calm coupled with a promise to create more jobs.

Police said more than 300 people were arrested Tuesday night.

The Prague meeting is also exp-

ected to endorse the Kremlin's

rejection of President Reagan's

compromise offer of an interim

agreement on limiting the number

of land-based medium-range nuc-

lear missiles in Europe, the sou-

the Reagan plan, which the pre-

equal numbers of medium- range

warheads in the hands of each

superpower in the short term.

The foreign ministers will also

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei

NATO missiles lead Warsaw Pact agenda hope to strengthen the resolve of Western peace movements which oppose NATO plans to base 572 cruise and Pershing II medium range missiles in Europe from later this year if Soviet-American arms reduction talks fail.

#### Kulikov blasts U.S.

Gromyko last Saturday dismissed MOSCOW (R) - The commander of Warsaw Pact forces, sident said envisaged leaving Marshal Victor Kulikov, said Wednesday the United States was preparing for another World War and counting on emerging from it

# Soviet soldier allegedly shoots Afghan student

ISLAMABAD (R) — A Soviet soldier shot dead an Afghan student after an argument in Kabul last week and was rescued from an angry crowd by government troops. Western diplomats in Islamabad said.

The diplomats, who receive information from missions in Kabul, said in other incidents Muslim rebels in Kabul abducted an official of the ruling Communist Party and killed two suspected informers.

On Saturday rebels attacked a military post in southern Kabul.

of much of the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif near the Soviet Union on the Afghan New Year

In the town of Paghman, 15 kilometres northwest of Kabul, rebels severely wounded Maj. Gen. Mohammad Nabi Azimi, commander of the Afghan army's eighth division, when they fired a rocket at his jeep on March 16.

Resistance fighters took control

BY CHARLES GOREN

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OVERCALLS CAN BE HARMFUL TO YOUR WEALTH Neither vulnerable. North Declarer won the heart in

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Some people like the sound of their voices. But bidding simply because it is your turn can have untoward repercussions in the play.

East's decision to overcall one heart ranks among the worst overcalls we have seen this year. As it was, it propelled North-South into a slam they might not have gotten to under their own steam, and tipped declarer off to the winning line to make it doubly expensive.

Day of March 21, the diplomats said. Two Afghan army divisions made house-to-house searches and later attacked suspected rebel bases in outlying areas.

dummy and ran off five

rounds of trumps. This reduc-

ed the hand to the following

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Declarer simply led a dia-

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club would allow declarer to

score the queen, while the

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to sluff a losing club and leav-

ference how East discards-

declarer can always make the

slam by relying on East to

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thing right, but we wouldn't

want to bet on that.

Note that it makes no dif-

ing his hand high.

♣ Q 5

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**♣** K 9

♦ A 9

♣ J 10 8

### TASS denies dissident died from maltreatment MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet

news agency TASS denied Western reports Wednesday that a Georgian woman dissident died from maltreatment after being confined to a psychiatric clinic.

The reports, quoting Georgian dissidents, said Nasi Shamanauri was beaten for refusing to renounce allegations about injustices and corruption and died on Jan.

TASS described the reports as "dirty insinuation" and a crude lie. It quoted a senior Georgian medical official as saying Shamanauri had been interned last

August because she was suffering from acute hereditary schizophrenia.

The 42-year-old woman had died from stomach strictures caused by blockage from food.

TASS did not elaborate, but this appeared to coincide with reports from some dissident sources that Shamanauri had staged a hunger strike and been subject to force-

The report said Shamanauri and her mother were known to relatives and neighbours as acute paranoids and schizophrenics.

# U.S. responds mildly to uproar about tennis star

Department has declined to be drawn into a battle of words with China over a U.S. decision to grant asylum to Chinese tennis star Hu Na.

Peking charged that Hu's asylum request resulted from "enticement and coercion" and said the decision would impair U.S.-Chinese cultural and sports exchanges and could adversely affect relations between the two cou-

State department spokesman John Hughes, pressed by reporters to answer Peking's statement, gave a low-key response at a routine State Department news briefing Tuesday.

"We certainly hope that it will not have any harm and will not adversely affect the relationship between the United States and China," he said, adding that the matter was handled in accordance with U.S. laws and procedures.

# Malaysian cult broken up

KUALA LUMPUR(R) - Police arrested 85 half-naked men and two women in a raid on a Chinese secret society initiation ceremony at an oil palm smallholding. Police official Baharuddin Buy-

ong said a police party carried out the raid at the smallholding 112 kilometres from here Tuesday night after receiving a tip-off.

secret society entrance rites when the police party moved in, assistant superintendant Baharuddin

Several shots where fired but no one was injured when several members of the gang tried to run away, he said.

The men, all clad in their underwear, were going through the

He did not disclose further details about the gang but said the anti-secret society division would be helping out in investigations.

# Hunt on for Dutch gunman

DELFT, Netherlands (R)--Police set up a special squad Wednesday to search for a gunman who shot dead six people and wounded four others in a crowded cafe here Tue-

Police told a press conference Wednesday the victims were four men and a woman and her 12vear-old daughter. Police said earlier that five had been wounded instead of four.

being hunted by the special squad was believed to be a 27-year-old local man known to police for other minor offences. Eyewitnesses said the incident

began with an argument between two customers in the "koetsiertje" (coachman) cafe in the centre of They said one of the two left the

cafe, returned shortly afterwards with a gun and shot the other dead A spokesman said the suspect before firing on other customers.

# THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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3. Odd characters ate limp potate chips in rais. End result: spud mud.
4. Lad in plaid cap laid plans to see Scotland.

CRYPTOGRAMS

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